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SUBJ: INS INSTRUCTIONS TO US RELATIVES OF GDR CITIZENS IN HUMANITARIAN
CASES

1. WE HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF INSTANCES IN THE RECENT PAST
IN WHICH INS DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE U.S. HAVE GIVEN
INSTRUCTIONS OR ADVISE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS. THESE PEOPLE
SEEK EXPEDITIOUS SERVICE TO FACILITATE MOVEMENT OF
RELATIVES, LIVING HERE AND WHO ARE SUBJECT OF HUMANITARIAN
CASES, TO THE U.S. IN A RECENT CASE, INS CLEVELAND
APPARENTLY SUGGESTED THAT AN AMERICAN CITIZEN RELATIVE
OF AN AGED GDR LADY PROCEED TO MUNICH WHERE IV SERVICES
WOULD BE EXPEDITIOUSLY PROVIDED TO THE EAST GERMAN PEN-
SIONER. UPON ARRIVAL IN MUNICH, THE AMERICAN CITIZEN WAS
CORRECTLY REFERRED TO AMCONSUL FRANKFURT AS THE ONLY
POST PROVIDING IV SERVICES IN THE FRG PROPER. (OF COURSE,
USBERLIN ALSO PROVIDES IV SERVICES.)

2. WE SEEK TO COMBINE SPEEDY AND EFFICIENT SERVICE IN
THESE CASES WITH PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF U.S. LAWS AND
REGULATIONS. WE BELIEVE THE DEPARTMENT MIGHT USEFULLY
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REQUEST INS TO CIRCULARIZE ITS DISTRICT OFFICERS IN THE
U.S. ON THE FOLLOWING GENERAL PRINCIPLES THAT THEY CAN
APPLY IN ADVISING AMERICAN CITIZENS SEEKING TO BRING
RELATIVES FROM THE GDR TO THE UNITED STATES EITHER AS
IMMEDIATE RELATIVE, FIRST, SECOND, FOURTH AND FIFTH
PREFERENCE IV APPLICANTS OR AS K-NIV APPLICANTS:

(A) THE GDR REQUIRES A U.S. ENTRY VISA IN THE PASSPORT IN THE CASE OF NIV'S OR AN IV AS A PRECONDITION TO PERMITTING EXIT FROM THE GDR. IT IS, THEREFORE, FRUITLESS TO SUGGEST TO AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THESE CASES THAT VISAING MAY OCCUR AT ANY FOREIGN SERVICE POST OTHER THAN EMBASSY BERLIN.

(B) THE EMBASSY CAN PERFORM THE ENTIRE RANGE OF VISA SERVICES. IT WOULD, THEREFORE, BE A WASTE OF TIME TO CONTACT ANY FOREIGN SERVICE POST IN THE FRG OR USMISSION USBERLIN.

(C) ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT COMPLETELY GUARANTEE THIS, OUR EXPERIENCE SUGGESTS THAT PENSIONERS, I.E. MEN OVER AGE 65 AND WOMEN OVER AGE 60, ARE NORMALLY FACILITATED IN THEIR DESIRE EITHER TO VISIT OR IMMIGRATE INTO THE UNITED STATES. THE SITUATION IS MORE COMPLICATED WHEN DEALING WITH PRE-PENSIONERS IN THE GDR. IN ANY EVENT, ALL REPEAT ALL U.S. CITIZENS INQUIRING ABOUT VISAS FOR GDR CITIZENS AT THE INS DISTRICT OFFICE SHOULD BE ADVISED TO WRITE TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: CONSULAR SECTION, AMERICAN EMBASSY, USBER (BOX E), APO NEW YORK 09742.

3. COMMENT: WE SUGGEST THIS TO AVOID INSTANCES OF AMERICAN TAKING UNNECESSARY STEPS IN THESE CASES, WHICH COULD CAUSE DIFFICULTIES LEADING TO DELAYS IN FINAL VISA ISSUANCE AND MUCH MENTAL ANXIETY. FORTUNATELY, INSTANCES OF MISINFORMATION DISSEMINATED ARE RARE. HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO ELIMINATE EVEN THOSE RARE OCCASIONS.
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